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**BOOK REVIEWS.**

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**The Law of Real Property** (based on Minor's Institutes). By Raleigh Colston Minor, M. A., B. L., Professor of Law in the University of Virginia. In two volumes. Vol. 2. Anderson Bros., Publishers, University of Virginia. 1908. (Printed, etc., by The Michie Co., Charlottesville, Va.) Price for the two volumes, law sheep, \$11.50.

The second volume of Professor Minor's Real Property takes up its subject from "Modes of Acquiring Title to Real Property," and concludes with "Registry of Title." This volume in every way proves itself worthy of the first, and the completed work must take rank as one of the most valuable contributions to the law of Real Property which has been of late years offered to the profession. We have been forcibly struck by the very happy way in which the writer has availed himself of the Institutes—the acknowledged basis of the work. Having had occasion to consult both in connection with each other, we found that the "blend" of the two works had been most successfully made; so that the younger writer's work lost nothing either in force or originality from the use of his distinguished father's book. The gain has been distinct both in matter and manner. Brevity of statement is combined with clearness, and there is a direct forcefulness of statement of the writer's own opinions very refreshing in this day of compilation of decisions often as varying as the poles. We predict for the work a continuing and growing usefulness. Its value is at once apparent even from a cursory examination.

**Supplement to the American and English Encyclopædia of Law** (Second Edition). Edited by David S. Garland and Charles Porterfield, under the supervision of James Crockroft. Volume V. Northport, Long Island, N. Y. Edward Thompson Company. London: C. D. Cazenove and Son, 26 Henrietta Street. 1908.

In 1907 the publishers of this work issued the fourth and last volume of the first edition of the Supplement to their valuable Encyclopædia. The present volume takes up the decisions where the first edition left off, and treats all subjects from A to Z. The searcher who wants to bring his authorities down to the very latest moment must not only consult the Encyclopædia itself, and the first edition of the Supplement, but also the above volume. The work is so arranged that the practitioner can go straight to the point in which he is interested and find the very latest authority thereon. The fact that there is now much general demand for the books which put the lawyer in prompt and easy access with the latest deliverances of the court, is one of the marked evidences of the increasing thoroughness with which legal questions are now investigated. The exigencies of practice now require of the successful lawyer to know the "very latest."

It is unfortunate that the volume is so large as to be inconvenient to handle. The layman wonders as he takes up the book, whether it was possible that this fault could have been overcome by the use of thinner paper.

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